

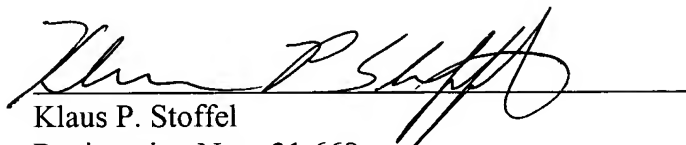
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

With this amendment, applicant has amended claim 1 in an effort to place the application in better condition for examination.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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